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Once upon a time — which may have been several years ago or as recently as last August, according to how you imagine it — a young girl from Illinois named Dorothy embarked upon what was to be the greatest learning experience of her life.

When it began, she had no choice in the matter: Dorothy found herself suddenly caught up in the middle of an Illinois twister — a whirlwind from which there was no escape and which carried her, with her dog Toto and a few meager possessions, to a new and strange land called Oz — or Wapella High School — depending on how you read the road signs. Here she met several strange and totally different types of people; some friendly and loving, some powerful and frightening, and some just plain weird. First the horrible experience of a tornado and now enrolled as a student at Wapella High; would her troubles never end?

Dorothy had arrived as a Freshman in the section of Oz where the Munchkins lived. The Munchkins were childish Freshman personalities who went around munching on candy bars all the time, completely defenseless in the face of several witches and goblins in the Junior and Senior classes. These large-headed heroes — at least for a time — tried to control the Munchkins' lives, as did the talkative Sophomores, who told stories impossible to believe.

Although Dorothy had often wanted to get away from home in the past, she now found herself anxious to leave Oz. High School was just too scary. The only one who gave her hope was Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. She told Dorothy that there was a Powerful and Mysterious Wizard of Oz who was principal of the school and could guide Dorothy to graduate and be transported back home.

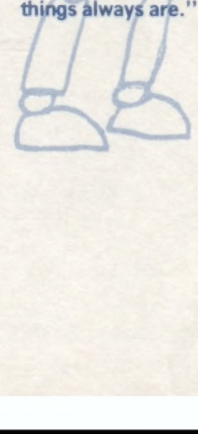
First, she must make the long journey to become a Senior, and then, if Oz and her instructors found that she had earned it, Dorothy would be given a ticket to leave at an impressive graduation ceremony in front of many people. This journey was full of dangers, but Glinda insisted that Dorothy must start at the beginning and finish every step herself, not trying short-cuts, not using lazy excuses, and not quitting before her destination was reached. If others told her that there was an easier way than to take one step at a time and to follow the yellow brick road all the way, she must not listen, for this was a prize she must win on her own. Her entire future depended on it.

So Dorothy started off to see the Wizard. What she found first, however, was a skinny scarecrow who didn't have a brain, a well-meaning handsome tin woodsman who didn't have a heart, and a lion without any courage who pretended to be brave — all common enough personalities to find in any room in Wapella High School. They all became friends, though, and because each of them felt that his problem would be magically solved by the grant from Oz, they all went off to see the Wizard.

The Wizard told them what was required before he could give them a ticket home: they must pass many tests and complete all their jobs successfully before he could give Scarecrow a brain, Tinman a heart, the cowardly Lion courage, and Dorothy her wish. In back of all of this was a great final test for them: to conquer and destroy the Wicked Witch of the West, a black and evil power which threatened every student in school. This witch lived deep inside the student body and tempted them to do wrong.

When Dorothy asked what special power this witch possessed, the Wizard told her the Wicked Witch of the West tempted each student differently because everyone had a different weakness, but all problems were based on the most common fear in high school, to stand up alone for one's own beliefs regardless of others' opinions.

"That is a scary thing to do," Dorothy said. "But I guess important things always are."



The cowardly lion began to tremble and shake as he said, "Somebody might laugh at me if I do something different."

"You can count on it," the Wizard smiled at him. "And that will be your signal that your test to be brave has begun."

"Oh, my," sighed the Tinman, "Somebody might not like me if I don't do what they want me to do."

"You cannot expect anyone to really like you until you like yourself," the Wizard counseled him. "People will take you to be just as valuable as you value yourself."

The Scarecrow began to worry. "I don't know if I will be able to figure out what is the best thing to do, with my not having a brain, and all," he said.

"Too much brainpower might just get in your way," the Wizard assured him. "Don't worry; you have a touchstone of truth inside you which will always give you the right answer; it is your intuition. When something is right for you to fight for, you will feel it. Trust yourself."

And then the Wizard, in his most magnificient voice, told them all: "Until you destroy this witch, you will be prisoners of yourselves!"

Dorothy and her friends were very frightened by the heavy seriousness of all of this, and several of them looked for somewhere to hide.

But the Wizard was very wise. "By the way," he said, "Being true to yourself no matter what anyone else thinks — why, that takes the very qualities which you four are looking for: courage, a heart, a brain, and a destination to reach."

This gave them all determination, and they set out on their quest. They did not have to look long for the Wicked Witch; she found them first. And she was indeed most powerful. After many close calls which almost ruined their futures, during which they were tempted with giving in to what they knew would destroy their minds and bodies in the long run, these close friends fought a furious battle with the forces of fear. In spite of incredible odds, together they were able to conquer the Witch once and for all, causing her to melt and disappear.

"Why, she wasn't much, after all," each of them thought, and was ashamed of his hesitation.

Taking her broom as proof of their victory, the group returned to the Emerald City. Their greatest lesson was yet to be learned. The Wizard revealed to them that there was actually no magic power in Oz; he was an ordinary person just as they were. He had only assumed to be all-powerful in order to encourage students to live up to the truth in themselves. There is, he said, no special magic anywhere to solve everyone's problems, except within one's self. It is called faith. Oz further revealed to them the great truth called Potential — the power of the talents within them to come true if each one could just believe strongly enough in himself to work for the results. The power of Potential — the seed of growth toward achievement — is exactly what, he said, school is all about.

In other words, the Wizard instructed them, the Lion had always had courage, the Tinman always had a heart, and the Scarecrow a brain. What they had not had was visible proof of it. They had not believed it because they could not see it.

The proof that the Oz provided was in the forms of a medal, a letter W, an awards banquet, and a high school diploma. Finally, Dorothy discovered that she, too, had always had the potential to go anywhere she wished; all she had to do was point herself in that direction and want it strongly enough.

As she closed her eyes, clicked her heels, and wished with all her might, she was transported from the Emerald City and from Wapella High School, never to return again.

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"There is a great Wizard here who can do anything.
He will be glad to help you."

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31 years teaching at Wapella.

Agricultural authority.

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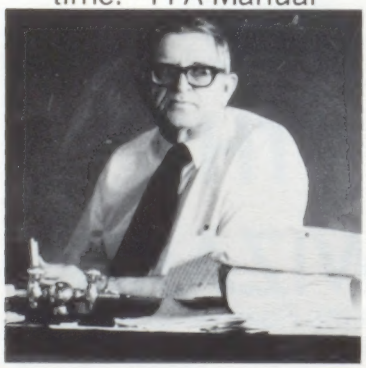
"Being older than the rest of you, I am asked to advise you from time to time." FFA Manual

Upon his retirement.

The corner stone to our foundation
Who's held us up through two generations
With all the storms of wind
It seems he would be weathered thin
But as I look back
I see that he hasn't even started to crack
He is stronger than ever
Ready for several more endeavors
Now he is going to tumble on
And still to help others become strong
Who will fill this stone's hole?
The answer is really unknown
But yet as this stone goes tumbling away
And some needed insurance may come my way
For my piece of the rock
To Mr. Schettler I'd pay.
Doyle Karr

Respected community leader.



"The Owl . . ."

Blunt honesty.

Thundering voice.

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"We have finally arrived at Emerald City!"

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"People do come and go so quickly here."

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"Someday, that's where you'll find me."

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"Oz will grant your request."

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"You go first."

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If birds
fly over
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then why
oh why
can't I?

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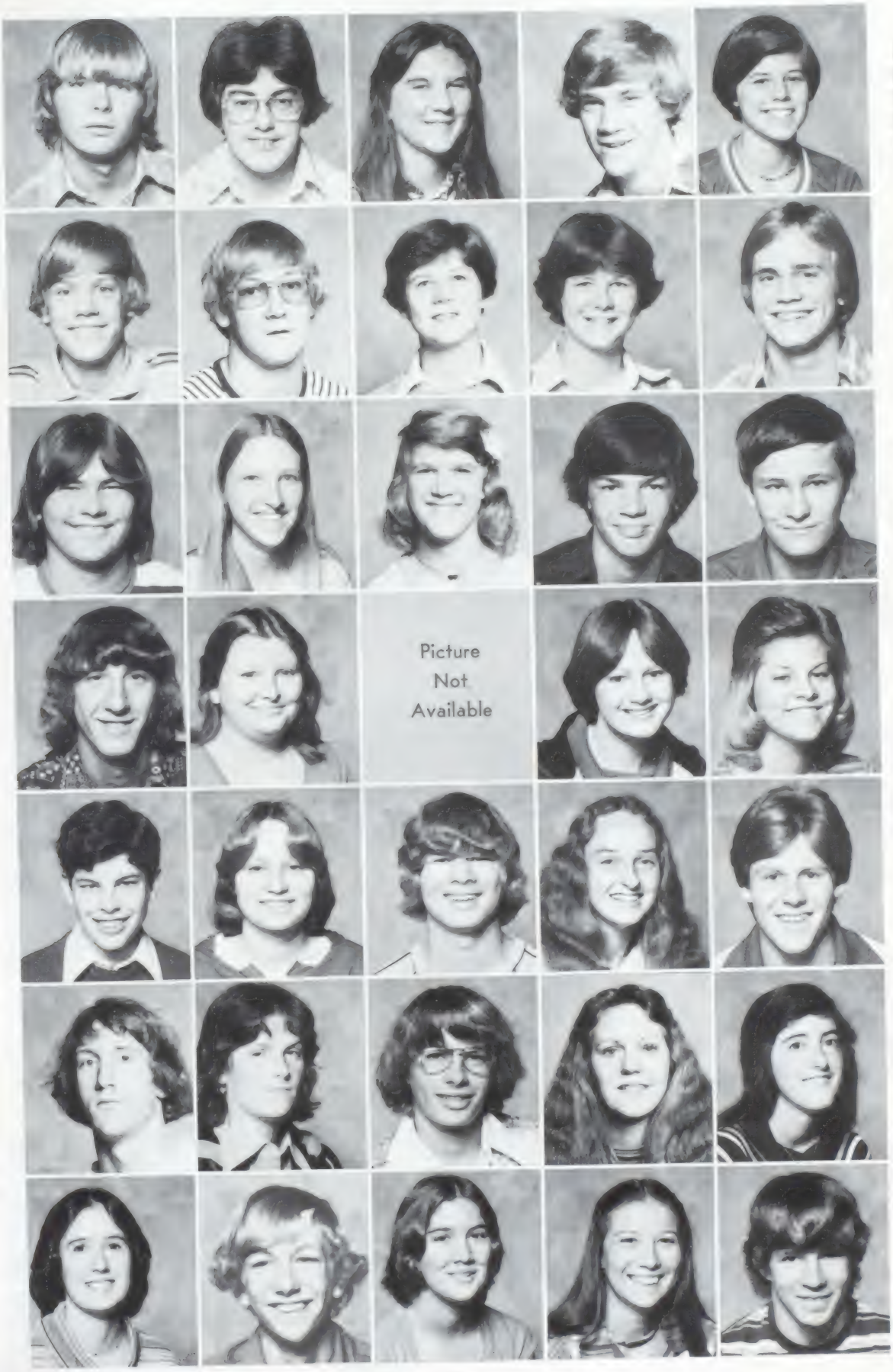

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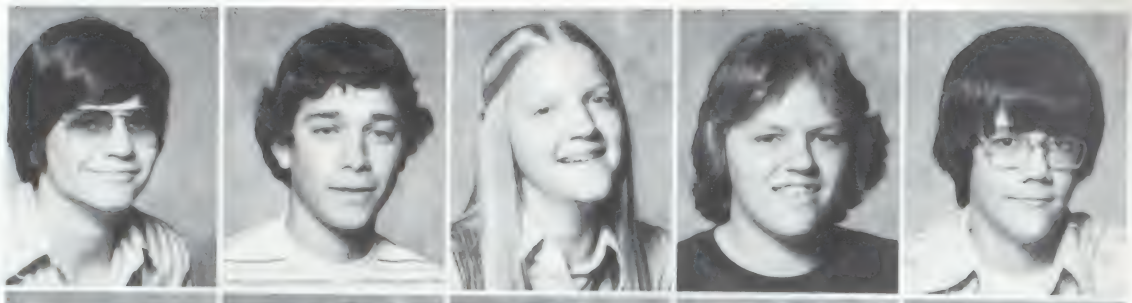

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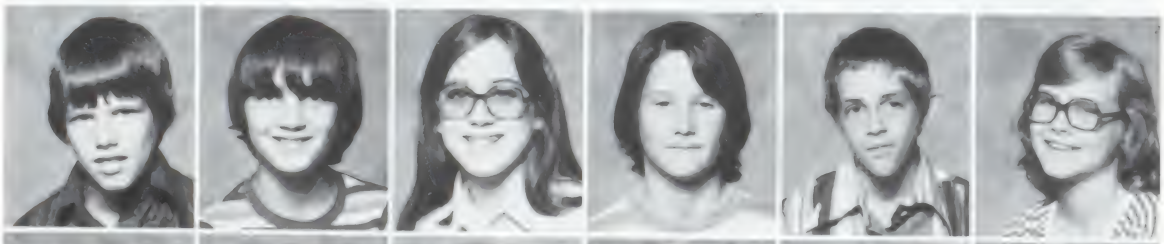

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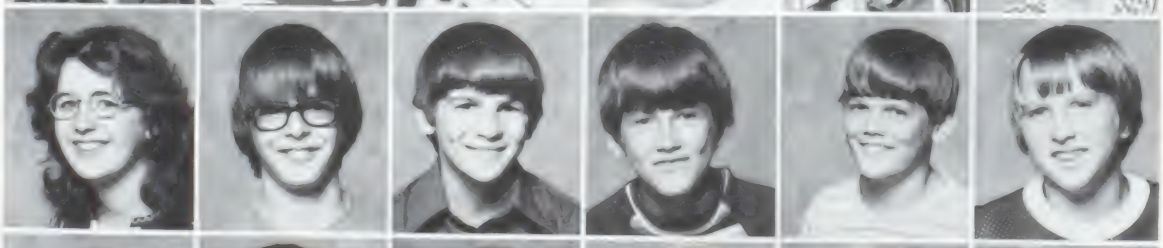

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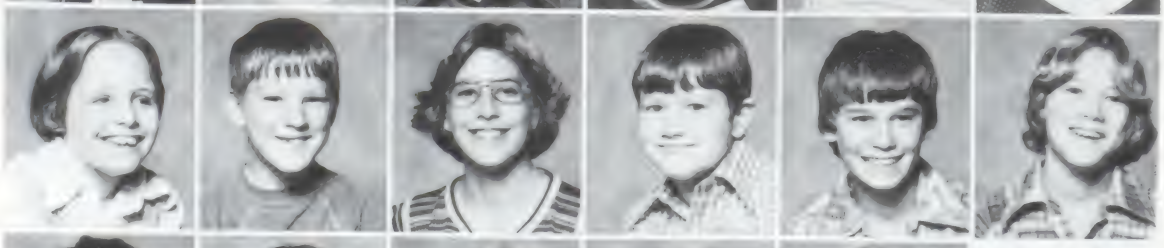

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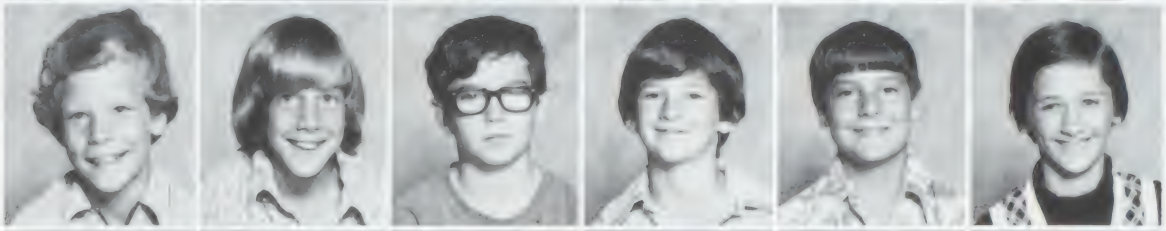

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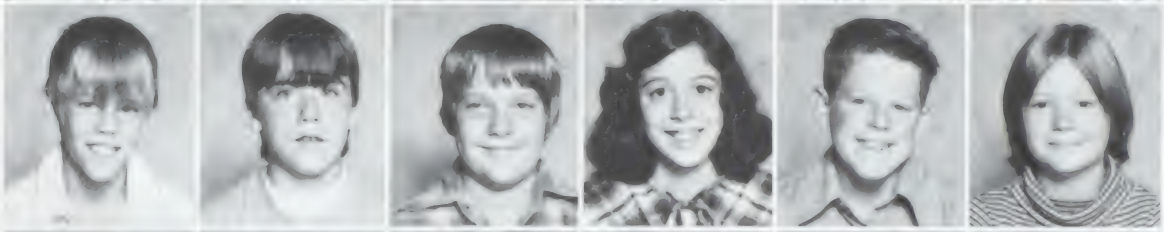

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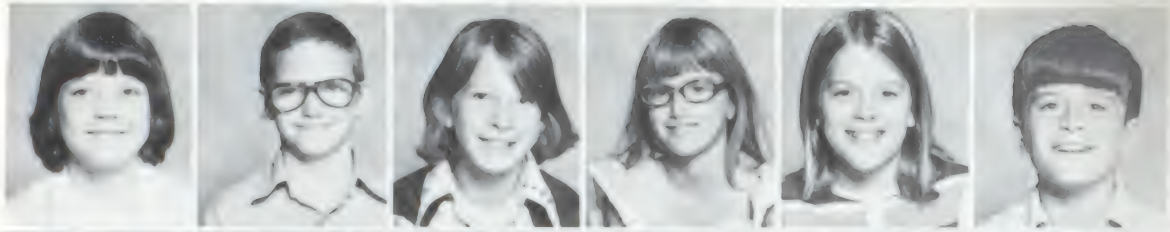

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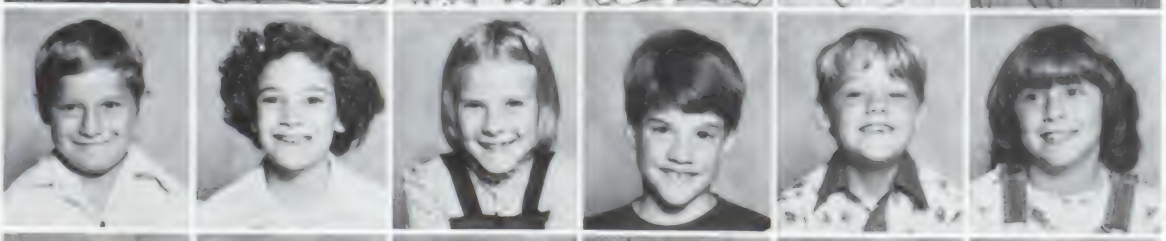

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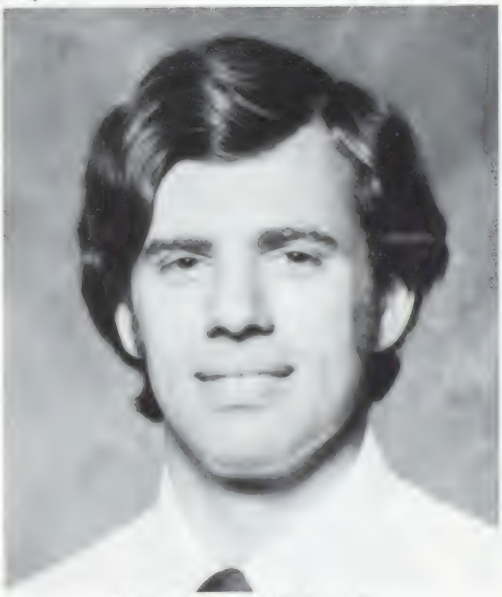

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"There are many workers here in the land of Oz who spend all their time making the Emerald City a safe and beautiful place to come to."

"Do they get much help from anybody?"

"No, but they are very patient."

"Then they must be the Wizards we heard about!"

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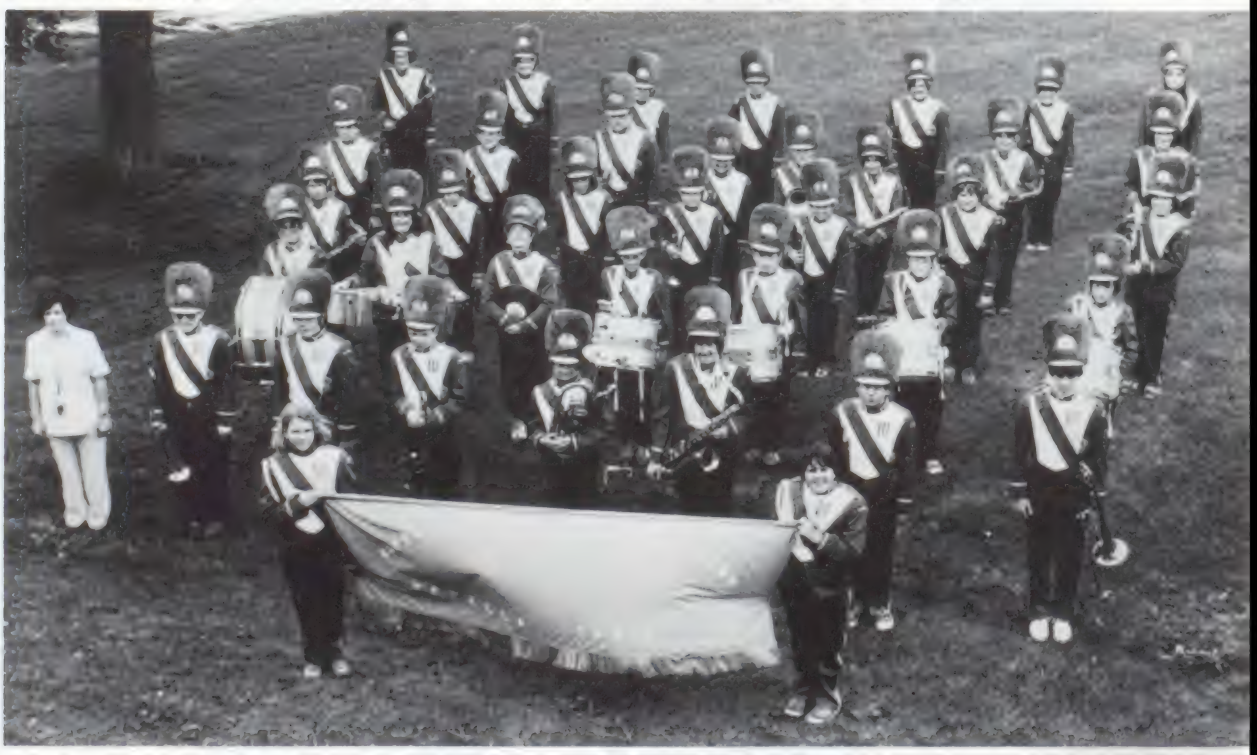
Front — Deanna Hasler, Cindy Wickenhauser. **Second Row** — DIRECTOR — MISS SALLY SIMPSON, Mike Durbin, Roland Shumaker, Randy Toohill, Angie Olson, Lori Walters, John Roesch, Todd Ryan. **Third Row** — Paula Davis, Christine Deeters, Dwight Roemer, Tim Daugherty, Michael Thorp, David Oakley, Todd Henry. **Fourth** — Tom Leggett, Karen Mearida, Michelle Murphey, Junior McFarland, Sarah Thomas, Leslie Trimble, Margaret Powers. **Fifth** — Alan Weinheimer, John Powers, Bill Snow, David Weinheimer, Roy Morris, Stephanie Whitted, Jackie Harris, Teresa Ryan. **Back** — Rose Toohill, Pam Olson, Troy Lea, Karen Snow, Lisa Gambrel, Brenda Durbin, Lisa Breithaupt.



MUSIC

"A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY, A LITTLE BIT ROCK AND ROLL"

"Since you have come to help us, I feel better already!"

Front — Cindy Daughtery, Becky Quaid, Denise Schanafelt, Helen Powers. **Back** — Mike Springman, Sherri Shumaker, Mechelle Mearida, Kevin Schmid.

Center: Mike Priest, Susan Thorp, Rick Reynolds, Beth Quaid, Clara Toohill, Bobbi Frost, Etta Duncan, Shari Whitlock.

HALL MONITORS

Back — Pat Rodgers, Beth Oakley, Barb Quaid, Helen Powers, Jackie Harris, Kenda Jackson, Nancy Welch, Kelley Fryman, Mechelle Mearida, Beth Quaid, Nancy Burk, Cathy Mann, MISS CONNIE DURBIN, sponsor. **Front** — Julia Powers, Renee Thorp, Teresa Hoffman, Ann Campbell, Lori Walters, Kim Fryman, Cathy Toohill, Lisa Merida.

G.A.A.

Bowling

Fun!

January Ski Trip

Fun!

Slumber Party

Front — ADVISOR — MISS JAN ROY, Mike Durbin, Peggy Lamont, Sara Karr, Tim Woollen. **Back** — Joe Powers, Todd Doenitz, Nancy Welch, Kelley Fryman, Beth Oakley, Kim Fryman, Mike Walters. **Not Pictured** — Laurie Demry.

A NHS banquet was held this year to honor students, and to induct the new members.

High school students who were on the high honor or the honor role the first two quarters were invited to attend. A tea was held later for jr. high honors.

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Leadership

Character

Service

"A great many of the flying creatures attacked at once and seemed to enjoy the fight."

Once Upon a Time
We Learned to Compete in

SPORTS

Throw It
Nancy

Hurry Up
Teresa

Slug it
Kenda

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Back Row — S. Thorp, P. Deatrick, S. Underwood, H. Powers, C. Toohill, M. Toohill, N. Burk, P. Sympson. **Middle Row** — C. Toohill, B. Quaid, B. Oakley, J. Harris, T. Hoffman, D. Schanafelt. **Front Row** — N. Welch, L. Demry, C. Mann, K. Fryman, L. Walters, K. Fryman, K. Jackson.

Pitch It

Lori

SECOND IN KICKAPOO CONFERENCE

Come on you guys!

Cathy Mann, Senior

Did Kelley hit you again, Kim?

BOYS BASEBALL

Conference Tim Whitlock

Yea, Coach!
You gave the boys a lot of spirit!

Senior Mike Walters

Senior Rich Underwood

Senior Tom Harris

Senior Brian Quaid

Top Row — Coach Verticchio, Tom Mollet, Mike Durbin, Tracy Whitlock, Brian Quaid, Tom Harris, Rich Underwood, Tim Whitlock, Mike Walters. **Middle** — Tim Ryan, Randy Baker, Joe Powers, Bill Burk, Dan Borland, Mike Priest. **Front** — Todd Doenitz, Don Nelson, Bryan Schanafelt, Brad Thomas, Tim Durbin.

Senior Mike Durbin

LINCOLN LAND
ALL-CONFERENCE
Mike Walters
Tom Harris
Tim Whitlock

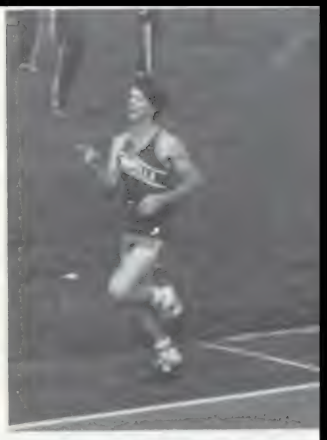
Honorable Mention:
Tim Ryan

FALL
SPRING

CROSS COUNTRY TIME

Charlie —
Number One Runner

Brian Kindred, Doyle Karr, Todd Ryan, Darrell Karr, Mike Durbin, Charles McCubbin, Bill Deeters, COACH JERRY PEROUTKA.



Todd —
Number Two Runner

Darrell

TIME FOR WORK

And they're off.

Doyle

Brian and Mike

Every second counts.

Pep talk

It hurts to run.

Bill

WORK FOR TIME

Before

Warm-up

After

BASKETBALL

Mike Durbin

Front — Gene Whitted, Mike Durbin, Joe Woollen, Mgr. **Back** — Rich Underwood, Wayne Morris, Mark Lord, Bill Deeters, Keith Jackson, Charlie McCubbin, Tom Harris, COACH JERRY PEROUTKA.

Charles McCubbin

Tom Harris

Rich Underwood

VARSITY

Keith Jackson

JV

Front — Tim Whitlock, COACH RANDY VERTICCHIO, Bill Burk. **Back** — Joe Woollen, Mgr., Todd Ryan, Wayne Morris, Bill Deeters, Tracy Whitlock, Don Nelson, Brad Thomas.

JUNIOR VARSITY: **Back Row** — Kenda Jackson, Helen Powers, Lisa Merida, Jackie Harris, COACH DIANA BORNMAN, Teresa Hoffman, Pat Rodgers, Shari Whitlock, Lori Walters. VARSITY: Cathy Mann, Mary Gaherty, Kelley Fryman, Nancy Welch, Kim Fryman, Sara Karr.

VARSITY
JV

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls won the Kickapoo Conference and the Sub-Regionals.

First Place: Freshman Hall

WINNING CLASS DECORATIONS

Theme: Star Wars

Theme: Ring Up A Victory

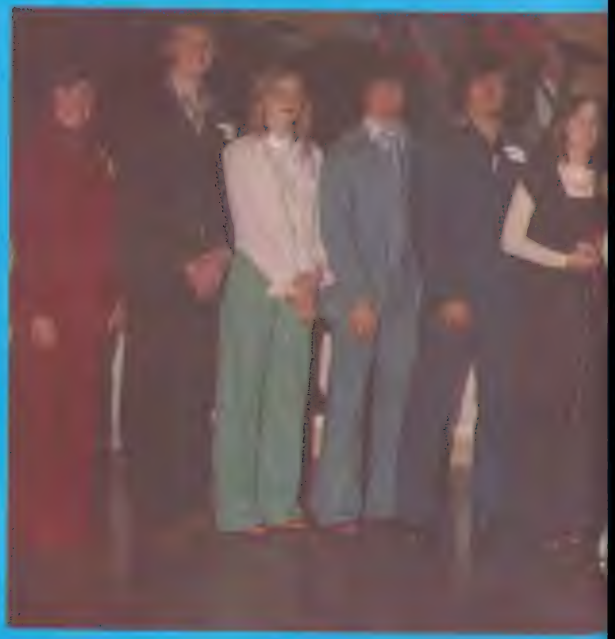
SOPHOMORE 1st PLACE

QUEEN ETTA DUNCAN

1977-78 Homecoming

HOMECOMING
YOU'RE STILL

Mary Gaherty, Keith Jackson, Karen Campbell, Tom Harris, '76 Andy Whitted, Etta Duncan (Queen '77-'78), King



King and Queen

1977-78
THE ONE

Mike Walters, '76 Cristan Campbell, Brian Quaid, Sara Karr, Rich Underwood, Peggy Lamont.

KING MIKE WALTERS

PARTICIPANTS IN HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

Teresa Hoffman, Kenda Jackson, Jackie Harris, Helen Powers

SENIOR CLASS

KEITH JACKSON

STUDENT COUNCIL

CHARLES MCCUBBIN

GRUB DAY WINNER

Mr. Peroutka

"Boogie Shoes"

"We will we will rock you"

"Slip slidin away"

"Come sail away"

HOMECOMING RHYTHM

"Cat scratch fever"

"SHOCK ME"

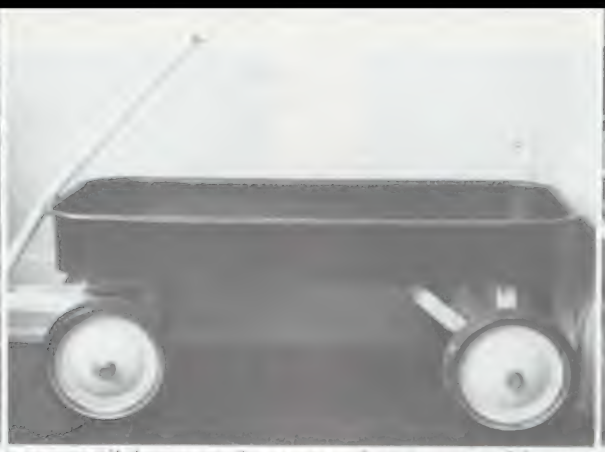
"Goin to the city"

WE GOT SOLE TO MOVE OUR FEET

"I'm YOUR BOOGIE MAN"

"Jive Talkin"

"Stayin Alive"



Postponed by a snowstorm until January, homecoming began with committees and supplies.

Painting pictures and posters took the place of study hall.

HOMECOMING PREPARATIONS

With just a few days left, it was time to look forward to the judging, game, and dance.

Everybody said his class was going to win the hall and float competitions.

Grub Day and Hat Day each brought out local talent.

Classes followed up their ideas with hard work to deliver results.

HOMECOMING EVENTS

The homecoming court was introducted at the game, and the winning floats paraded.

The best part of the dance, with music by White Wing, was the coronation of the king and queen.

Back — Beth Oakley, Clara Toohill, Nancy Welch, Mary Gaherty, Sarah Karr. **Front** — Cathy Toohill, Susan Thorp, Beth Quiad, Laurie Demry. **Not Pictured** — Peggy Lamont.

POM-PON GIRLS OF 1977-78 IN ACTION

Pom-pon girls are sponsored by Cheryl Utecht.

CHEERLEADERS

VARSITY: **Left to Right** — Mary Toohill, Brenda Colliver, Becky Quaid, Bobbi Johnson, Etta Duncan.

JV: **Left to Right:** Lori Walters, Teresa Hoffman, Sherri Schumaker, Jackie Harris, Ann Campbell.

RAH!

RAH!

RAH!

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS

Paula Davis
Brenda Durbin
Lynn Nelson
Sarah Thomas
Lana Welch

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Left to Right, Top to Bottom — Phil Schmid, Kent Jackson, Derek Fryman, COACH RICK IMIG, John Roesch, Steve Leggett, David Lamont, David Clifton, Troy Lea, Dennis Toohill, Dean Hoffman, Todd Henry, Roy Morris, Randy Keller, John Long, Mike Merida, Randy Sympson, Marti Morris, David Weinheimer, Alan Weinheimer, Roland Schumaker, Brad Quaid, Manager Lenny Beach, Dwight Roemer, Randy Toohill, John Powers.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK

For a new event, Penny set the mile record in 7:18.

Back — RICK IMIG, COACH, Dwight Roemer, John Roesch, Allan Weinheimer, Brad Quaid, Randy Toohill, Ronald Deatrick, JUDY STEIN, ASS'T COACH. **Middle** — Pam Olson, Michael Thorp, David Lamont, Roy Morris, Todd Jones, Mike Merida, Marti Morris, David Oakley, Karen Mandrell. **Front** — Teresa Ryan, Stephanie Whitted, Angie Olson, Brenda Durbin, Deanna Hasler, Sarah Thomas, Penny Sympson, Lori Ledbetter, Margaret Olson.

Mr. Imig knew all the rules.

David set a record in the 100 with 12:47.

Todd broke our record for the 880 with 2:35.

Stephanie set an 11'6" record.

Deanna placed second in district and went to sectional with 21'4½".

Teresa set two records: 7.25 for 50, 14.2 for 100.

The Class B 880 Medley Team is in the current records with 2:37.8.

It was a cold, rainy track season.

Brenda beat the 440 record with 1:24.5.

"We are so good!"

BOYS' TRACK

Front — Rich Underwood, Tom Harris. **Back** — Todd Ryan, Wayne Morris, Tim Whitlock, Charlie McCubbin, COACH JERRY PEROUTKA.

Tim

Tom and Wayne

Tom broke the school long jump record by three feet.

Charlie

Todd

Richie

Wayne

GIRLS' TRACK

Lori

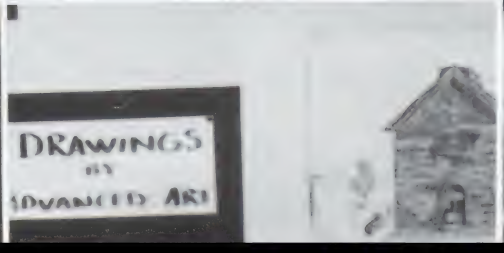
COACH DIANA BORNMAN, Jackie Harris, Kelley Fryman, Kim Fryman, Lori Walters.

Kelley Fryman became the first girl from Wapella to qualify for the sectional and state track meets in the discus competition.

Kim

Jackie

"Toto, what is this strange place? I have a feeling we aren't in Kansas anymore."



Halloween Parade

During the winter, the 5th Grade Y team was led in cheers by Lauri Morris, Stacie Houghan, Belinda Quaid, Kathy Wickenhauser, and Yvonne Hoffman.

The snow came early this year and stayed late. At the Christmas party, we opened each other's gifts, and Mr. Schettler carried on our tradition by reading of Jesus' birth from the **Bible.**

ONCE UPON A TIME

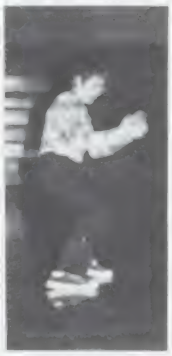
WE DREAMED OVER THE RAINBOW

FIRST PLACE
COUPLES
Keith and Kenda
Jackson

FIRST PLACE
GIRLS
Sherri
Schumaker

DISCO CONTEST

Saturday Night Fever Dance



FIRST PLACE BOYS
Roy Morris
SECOND PLACE
Junior McFarland
GIRLS SECOND
Mary Toohill

FIRST PLACE
CLASSES
8th Grade
SECOND
PLACE
Freshmen

SECOND
PLACE
COUPLES
Garland
Haynes
and
Clara Too-
hill

MAS-
TER
OF
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IES
Bill
Deeters

1977

1978

AWARDS

SCHOOL

Danforth Leadership Award "I Dare You:"
- Etta Duncan
- Tim Woollen
- Nancy Welch
- Garland Haynes

D.A.R.: Etta Duncan
S.A.R.: Mike Walters

DeKalb Agricultural Award: Brian Quaid

Pom Pons: Clara Toohill

Music: Mike Walters

Exchange Club Student of the Month: Etta Duncan

Who's Who Among American High School Students:
- Mary Gaherty
- Sara Karr
- Peggy Lamont
- Mike Walters
- Tim Woollen

Voted Most Valuable Cheerleader:
- Varsity — Becky Quaid
- Junior High — Lynn Nelson

SPORTS

Cross Country High Points:
- Charles McCubbin

Baseball — Boys:
- Most Valuable Player: Mike Walters
- Batting — Tim Ryan
- Most Improved — Todd Doenitz

Softball — Girls:
- Most Valuable Player: Kim Fryman
- batting — Kelley Fryman

Basketball — Boys:
- Defensive — Tom Harris
- Hustler — Charlie McCubbin
- Free Throw — Mark Lord
- FFA Spark Plug — Bill Burk
- Sportsmanship — Mike Durbin
- Outstanding Fresh-Soph Athlete — Tim Whitlock

Basketball — Girls:
- Most Valuable Player — Kim Fryman
- Defensive — Sara Karr
- Free Throw — Cathy Mann
- JV Most Valuable — Kenda Jackson

Track — Boys: Charles McCubbin
Track — Girls:
- Sportsmanship — Kim Fryman
- Outstanding Fresh-Soph Athlete — Lori Walters

DEBBIE DUNLAP OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD 1978: Kim and Kelley Fryman. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap attended the 1st presentation in honor of Debbie, given by GAA club and sponsor Miss Durbin.

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Music by the Front Page.

PROM 1978

MAHALO NUI LOA! ALOHA!

HEADIN' FOR THE HILLS

A Three Act Play Directed by Mrs. Linda Rainey

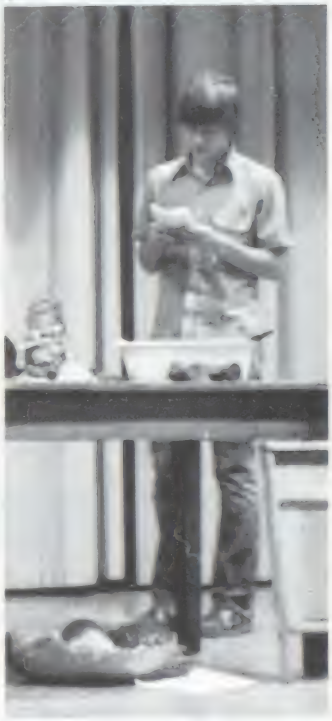
A matinee was previewed by the grade school.

The cast in rehearsal:

Left to Right — Dorthea Wellington Heister — Helen Powers
'Happy'' Goolus — Teresa Hoffman
Hank Godus — Beth Oakley
Cornelia Wellington Heister — Nancy Welch
Slim Hawkenshaw — Doyle Karr

Cornelia

''Gee, you're purty!''



Others in Cast —

Cyrus Goolus — Kyle Campbell
Betty Belle Goolus — Penny Clifton
Missy Winslow — Kenda Jackson
Speck Squiggins — Cindy Morris
Aunt Sukey — Pat Rodgers
Miss Oggie — Cathy Toohill Slim
Widder Squiggins — Sue Underwood

Hank with Emmy Jean — Jackie Harris

Jake Slasser and Maw — Squiggin's Kid — Cindy Daugherty
Skeets Goolus — Lisa Merida

Horseface Dilly — Tom Mollet and Dorthea

GRADUATION

Front Row — Mary Gaherty, Shari Whitlock, Cathy Mann, Cindy Daugherty, Sara Karr. **Second Row** — Bobbi Frost, Mechelle Mearida, Karen Campbell, Peggy Lamont, Etta Duncan. **Third Row** — Mike Durbin, Norman Hougham, Tom Harris, Brian Quaid, Curtis Cusey, Tim Woolen, Brian Kindred. **Back Row** — Kyle Campbell, Keith Jackson, Lee Morris, Charles McCubbin, Mike Walters, Joe Sledge, Rich Underwood.

"For Oz never did give nothing' to the Tinman
that he didn't, didn't already have."
America,
Warner Bros. Records

"So Good-bye, Yellow Brick Road."

Elton John,
MCA Records

Valedictorian
Tim Woollen

Salutatorian
Mike Durbin

Mr. Schettler received a farewell award from Mr. Thorp. His last official act was to conduct the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Nelson was given an appreciation award by the board.

CLASS OF '78

3 busloads went to St. Louis.

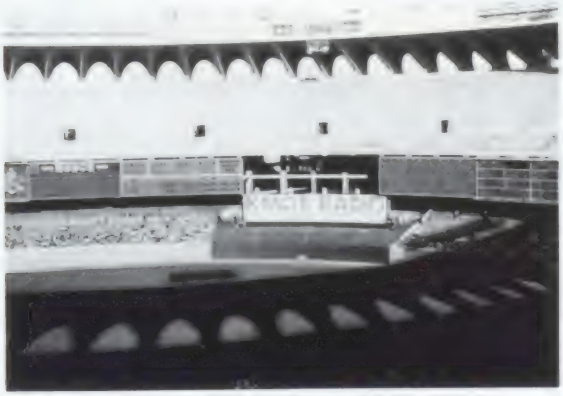
We made the board four times.

WAPELLA WINS

Wapella students won the Radio WDBR School Spirit Contest for multiple sclerosis by gathering more nickel pledges per student for our size school than any other school in the competition. On June 10th all students were invited to attend the Cardinals game in St. Louis. A check for $1040 was presented to student council officers and the top winners for our school before the game on the field

$1040 and ST. LOUIS BALLGAME

1st place: Roger Ritter
2nd place: Jeff Beach
3rd place: Tony Bray
4th place: Doyle Karr



THANKS, CHARLIE MCCUBBIN!

1977-1978

Discos and
Scarecrows and
Snowstorms and ice,
Accidents,
Witches, and
Wind.
Wishing for
Magic
With all of our might;
Hoping
this journey will end.
"Lions and tigers and bears,
Oh, my!
Lions and tigers and bears."

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Once upon a time — which may have been several years ago or as recently as last August, according to how you imagine it — a young girl from Illinois named Dorothy embarked upon what was to be the greatest learning experience of her life.

When it began, she had no choice in the matter: Dorothy found herself suddenly caught up in the middle of an Illinois twister — a whirlwind from which there was no escape and which carried her, with her dog Toto and a few meager possessions, to a new and strange land called Oz — or Wapella High School — depending on how you read the road signs. Here she met several strange and totally different types of people; some friendly and loving, some powerful and frightening, and some just plain weird. First the horrible experience of a tornado and now enrolled as a student at Wapella High; would her troubles never end?

Dorothy had arrived as a Freshman in the section of Oz where the Munchkins lived. The Munchkins were childish Freshman personalities who went around munching on candy bars all the time, completely defenseless in the face of several witches and goblins in the Junior and Senior classes. These large-headed heroes — at least for a time — tried to control the Munchkins' lives, as did the talkative Sophomores, who told stories impossible to believe.

Although Dorothy had often wanted to get away from home in the past, she now found herself anxious to leave Oz. High School was just too scary. The only one who gave her hope was Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. She told Dorothy that there was a Powerful and Mysterious Wizard of Oz who was principal of the school and could guide Dorothy to graduate and be transported back home.

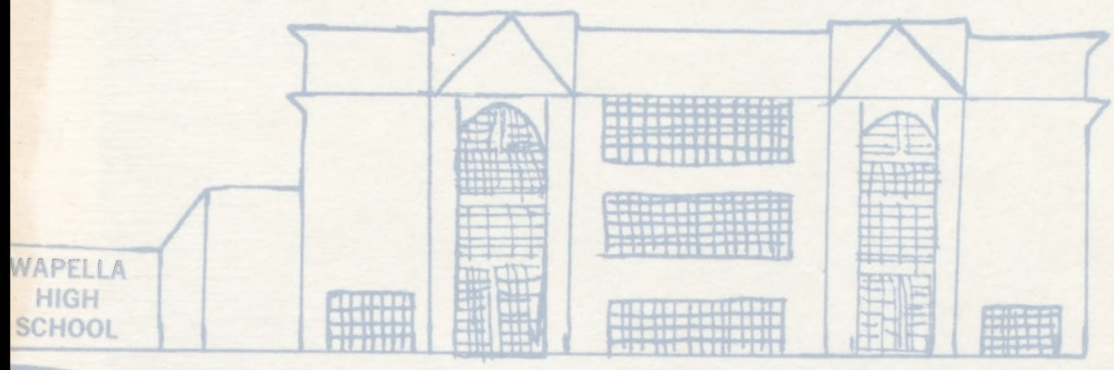
First, she must make the long journey to become a Senior, and then, if Oz and her instructors found that she had earned it, Dorothy would be given a ticket to leave at an impressive graduation ceremony in front of many people. This journey was full of dangers, but Glinda insisted that Dorothy must start at the beginning and finish every step herself, not trying short-cuts, not using lazy excuses, and not quitting before her destination was reached. If others told her that there was an easier way than to take one step at a time and to follow the yellow brick road all the way, she must not listen, for this was a prize she must win on her own. Her entire future depended on it.

So Dorothy started off to see the Wizard. What she found first, however, was a skinny scarecrow who didn't have a brain, a well-meaning handsome tin woodsman who didn't have a heart, and a lion without any courage who pretended to be brave — all common enough personalities to find in any room in Wapella High School. They all became friends, though, and because each of them felt that his problem would be magically solved by the grant from Oz, they all went off to see the Wizard.

The Wizard told them what was required before he could give them a ticket home: they must pass many tests and complete all their jobs successfully before he could give Scarecrow a brain, Tinman a heart, the cowardly Lion courage, and Dorothy her wish. In back of all of this was a great final test for them: to conquer and destroy the Wicked Witch of the West, a black and evil power which threatened every student in school. This witch lived deep inside the student body and tempted them to do wrong.

When Dorothy asked what special power this witch possessed, the Wizard told her the Wicked Witch of the West tempted each student differently because everyone had a different weakness, but all problems were based on the most common fear in high school, to stand up alone for one's own beliefs regardless of others' opinions.

"That is a scary thing to do," Dorothy said. "But I guess important things always are."



The cowardly lion began to tremble and shake as he said, "Somebody might laugh at me if I do something different."

"You can count on it," the Wizard smiled at him. "And that will be your signal that your test to be brave has begun."

"Oh, my," sighed the Tinman, "Somebody might not like me if I don't do what they want me to do."

"You cannot expect anyone to really like you until you like yourself," the Wizard counseled him. "People will take you to be just as valuable as you value yourself."

The Scarecrow began to worry. "I don't know if I will be able to figure out what is the best thing to do, with my not having a brain, and all," he said.

"Too much brainpower might just get in your way," the Wizard assured him. "Don't worry; you have a touchstone of truth inside you which will always give you the right answer; it is your intuition. When something is right for you to fight for, you will feel it. Trust yourself."

And then the Wizard, in his most magnificient voice, told them all: "Until you destroy this witch, you will be prisoners of yourselves!"

Dorothy and her friends were very frightened by the heavy seriousness of all of this, and several of them looked for somewhere to hide.

But the Wizard was very wise. "By the way," he said, "Being true to yourself no matter what anyone else thinks — why, that takes the very qualities which you four are looking for: courage, a heart, a brain, and a destination to reach."

This gave them all determination, and they set out on their quest. They did not have to look long for the Wicked Witch; she found them first. And she was indeed most powerful. After many close calls which almost ruined their futures, during which they were tempted with giving in to what they knew would destroy their minds and bodies in the long run, these close friends fought a furious battle with the forces of fear. In spite of incredible odds, together they were able to conquer the Witch once and for all, causing her to melt and disappear.

"Why, she wasn't much, after all," each of them thought, and was ashamed of his hesitation.

Taking her broom as proof of their victory, the group returned to the Emerald City. Their greatest lesson was yet to be learned. The Wizard revealed to them that there was actually no magic power in Oz; he was an ordinary person just as they were. He had only assumed to be all-powerful in order to encourage students to live up to the truth in themselves. There is, he said, no special magic anywhere to solve everyone's problems, except within one's self. It is called faith. Oz further revealed to them the great truth called Potential — the power of the talents within them to come true if each one could just believe strongly enough in himself to work for the results. The power of Potential — the seed of growth toward achievement — is exactly what, he said, school is all about.

In other words, the Wizard instructed them, the Lion had always had courage, the Tinman always had a heart, and the Scarecrow a brain. What they had not had was visible proof of it. They had not believed it because they could not see it.

The proof that the Oz provided was in the forms of a medal, a letter W, an awards banquet, and a high school diploma. Finally, Dorothy discovered that she, too, had always had the potential to go anywhere she wished; all she had to do was point herself in that direction and want it strongly enough.

As she closed her eyes, clicked her heels, and wished with all her might, she was transported from the Emerald City and from Wapella High School, never to return again.